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SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SUNBRIDGE SHANDIN HILLS REHABILITATION CENTER**

This memorandum is to comply with the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual section 5.100 Sole Source Contracts regarding contracting policy requirements for sole source contracts. It is the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to amend its current agreement with SunBridge Shandin Hills Rehabilitation Center, dba Shandin Hills Behavior Therapy Center (SHBTC) to purchase twenty-nine (29) Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) beds for the treatment of inmates with mental illness released as part of either Assembly Bill (AB) 109 and Brown v. Plata or as part of the County's forensic, mental health treatment programs and that require mental health care and treatment within a secured/locked, residential center for psychiatric care. SHBTC is located at 4164 North 4th Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92407.

In 2005, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) contracted with Olive Vista (OV), a locked IMD facility in Pomona and sister facility of SHBTC, for beds to address the need for specialized treatment services for individuals designated as Mentally Ill Offenders. In 2008, DMH contracted with OV for additional IMD beds to address the need for specialized treatment services for individuals with mental illness and criminal justice histories. Although DMH also has contracts with SHBTC's sister facilities, Meadowbrook and Laurel Park in Los Angeles County, these facilities do not have additional beds to accommodate the needs for this former inmate population. Currently DMH is purchasing IMD beds with SHBTC's sister facility, Sierra Vista, in San Bernardino County. However, Sierra Vista does not have enough additional beds to accommodate the demand for these services.

There are no other IMD facilities in the area that have existing bed capacity and have the interest and experience in serving this population; therefore, DMH plans to enter into sole source negotiations with SHBTC for locked IMD beds for this population.

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Unless otherwise instructed by a Board office within two (2) weeks, DMH will proceed with preparing a sole source contract amendment, working with the Office of the County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office.

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